

In conclusion, the malady of Sudan since independence is not only that it is a nation state because of a border imposed on its peoples and nations, but also because of an installed government that doesn't reflect its peoples' diversity, represent their aspirations, or serve their interests, nor did it ever attempt to do so. Alternatively, the state discriminated against its newly found citizens in policy and action and chose to suppress their valid claims to equity of political and cultural representation, and socio-economic development, by extreme force and genocidal tactics and wars. Therefore, the process of 'making unity attractive' is important to the spirit of the right to Self-determination reflected in the CPA, because only then will the people of Southern Sudan have two viable choices one of a united Sudan under new basis, and the other of a separate nation-state. It is imperative that the unity that has not been made attractive in the last 4 years of the interim period of the CPA, be made attractive, otherwise, the people of Southern Sudan will have only one option, to opt for secession, choosing to build a new state that would fulfill their quest for a transformed governance system; equity of citizenship, political representation, and socio-economic development; and respect for their basic human rights.

It is imperative that while a serious attempt to 'make unity attractive' is undertaken, the parties to the CPA and the international community led by the United States, IGAD and the Trokia commit themselves the timely conduct of the referendum and to respecting its outcome, whatever it is. It is also important that the parties and the international community envisage the post-referendum challenges and opportunities—especially across the oil and security sectors; political issues like border access right for nomads and seasonal migrants; economic issues like national assets and debts; and international issues like treaties around the Nile water—and begin to set plans to address them.

Sudan is at cross-roads; one road would lead to either a united New Sudan on a new basis, or two democratic nation-states, and another would lead to war and devastation with major regional and international implications. It is up to the two parties and the Sudanese people to decide what is to become of Sudan and the help and engagement of the international community is crucial during the next few months to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, July 30, 2009, I recorded an incorrect vote on the Tierney amendment to the FY 2010 Department of Defense Appropriations Bill. I intended to vote "aye" on rollcall vote No. 663.

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF JOHN RICHARD AND MABEL WARREN

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an

honor for me to rise today in recognition of Dr. John Richard and Mrs. Mabel Warren on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Dick and Mabel Warren first met in 1948 as students at Stetson University in DeLand, Florida. Dick Warren served his country faithfully in World War II as an Army Signal Corpsman during the France and German invasions. After returning home, he began his studies at Stetson, where he was the founding President of the school's Lambda Chi Fraternity chapter. He graduated in 1949 with a bachelor of arts in French. Mabel first attended Mount Berry College in Georgia, and then moved to Stetson after two years, where she met her future husband. She graduated from Stetson with a bachelor of arts in Elementary Education.

Teaching has always been a part of the Warrens' lives, and both Dick and Mabel went on to earn master's degrees in the field of education. In 1973, Dr. and Mrs. Warren settled in Niceville, Florida where they have remained ever since. Dr. Warren became part of the faculty of Okaloosa Walton Community College, now known as Northwest Florida State College, where he retired as Dean of Humanities in 1997. Mrs. Warren taught elementary education for 34 years and spent the last 21 years of her teaching career at Longwood Elementary School in Shalimar, Florida. Both Dick and Mabel continue to be an active part of the Northwest Florida community, giving their time and service to others.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to recognize Mr. and Mrs. Warren on their 60th wedding anniversary. My wife Vicki and I would like to wish all the best to Dick and Mabel, as well as their children, Barbara, Richard, and Mary Jane, and their nine grandchildren. They are truly an outstanding family from the First District of Florida.

HONORING THE CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL OF BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA ON THEIR 90TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Chester County Council of Boy Scouts of America, which is celebrating its 90th Anniversary.

Founded in 1919, the Chester County Council began with 15 Troops and approximately 300 scouts. During the last 90 years, the Council has helped enrich the lives of boys and young men through activities geared toward building character, developing leadership skills and instilling a commitment to serving others.

The Council has a stellar history with longstanding traditions, including camping at the Horseshoe Scout Reservation and the Sunday chapel service "overlooking the valley of the Octoraro."

The Council has thrived for nine decades due to dedicated volunteers, leaders and alumni who graciously commit countless hours mentoring and leading the youth of Chester County. And the exceptional support from community and business leaders combined

with tremendous programs and facilities make the Council one of the premiere scouting organizations in the nation.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in congratulating the Chester County Council of Boy Scouts of America on reaching a very special milestone and offering best wishes for continued success in mentoring generations of local youth and building a stronger community and nation.

HONORING THE LIVES OF SPEC. DANIEL P. DREVNICK, SPEC. JAMES D. WERTISH, AND SPEC. CARLOS E. WILCOX IV

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise to remember three servicemen from the Minnesota National Guard's 34th Red Bull Infantry Division and to pay tribute to their lives. The deaths of Spec. Daniel P. Drevnick of Woodbury, Spec. James D. Wertish of Olivia, and Spec. Carlos E. Wilcox IV of Cottage Grove are a tragedy for our entire country. They lost their lives in a missile attack near Basra, Iraq on July 16, 2009.

Specialists Drevnick, Wertish, and Wilcox served this nation with honor and courage. They departed from Minnesota in February with more than 1,000 Minnesota National Guard soldiers. In Iraq, their duties included providing logistics and communications for more than 16,000 U.S. and multi-national coalition forces.

Daniel, James, and Carlos are Minnesotan and American heroes. We will be forever grateful for their military service. They made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation and a more peaceful world.

Madam Speaker, please join me in paying the highest respect to Spec. Daniel P. Drevnick, Spec. James D. Wertish, and Spec. Carlos E. Wilcox IV. Their families, friends, and comrades in Iraq have my deepest sympathies for their profound loss.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SALLY CROWE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Sally Crowe, the longtime House of Representatives Members Dining Room hostess. Sally passed away this July 12th at the age of 92. She began working as a cashier in the Longworth cafeteria in 1951, moving to the Members' Dining Room in the 1960s, where she remained ever since. In 2003, Sally received the John W. McCormack Annual Award of Excellence in recognition of her outstanding service to the House.

Sally was extraordinarily devoted to her job and to the institution of the House of Representatives. I first met Sally thirty years ago. She was a warm, engaging individual who infused this House with Irish wit and wisdom.